

## Summary

A summary of the rules for finding the  $A$  circuit and  $\beta$  for a given series-shunt feedback amplifier of the form in Fig. 8.10(a) is given in Fig. 8.11. As for using the feedback formulas in Eqs. (8.10) and (8.12) to determine the input and output resistances, it is important to note that:

1.  $R_i$  and  $R_o$  are the input and output resistances, respectively, of the  $A$  circuit in Fig. 8.11(a).
2.  $R_{if}$  and  $R_{of}$  are the input and output resistances, respectively, of the feedback amplifier, including  $R_s$  and  $R_L$  [see Fig. 8.10(a)].
3. The actual input and output resistances of the feedback amplifier usually exclude  $R_s$  and  $R_L$ . These are denoted  $R_{in}$  and  $R_{out}$  in Fig. 8.10(a) and can be easily determined as

$$R_{in} = R_{if} - R_s$$

$$R_{out} = 1 / \left( \frac{1}{R_{of}} - \frac{1}{R_L} \right)$$

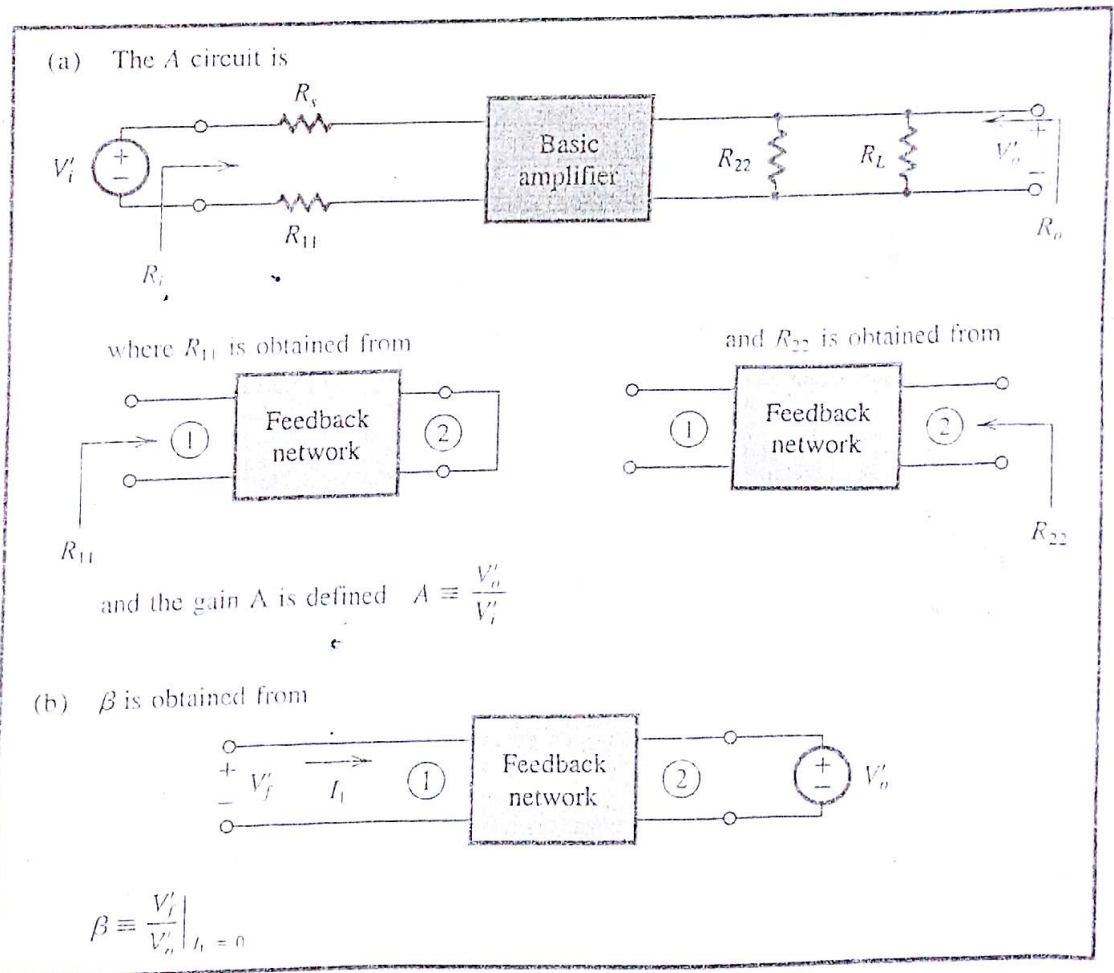


Fig. 8.11 Summary of the rules for finding the  $A$  circuit and  $\beta$  for the voltage-sampling series-mixing case of Fig. 8.10(a).

Voltage Amplifier

Gain

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Routf

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**EXAMPLE 8.1**

Figure 8.12(a) shows an op amp connected in the noninverting configuration. The op amp has an open-loop gain  $\mu$ , a differential input resistance  $R_{id}$ , and an output resistance  $r_o$ . Recall that in our analysis of op-amp circuits in Chapter 2, we neglected the effects of  $R_{id}$  (assumed it to be infinite) and of  $r_o$  (assumed it to be zero). Here we wish to use the feedback method to analyze the circuit taking both  $R_{id}$  and  $r_o$  into account. Find expressions for  $A$ ,  $\beta$ , the closed-loop gain  $V_o/V_s$ , the input resistance  $R_{in}$  (see Fig. 8.12a), and the output resistance  $R_{out}$ . Also find numerical values, given  $\mu = 10^4$ ,  $R_{id} = 100 \text{ k}\Omega$ ,  $r_o = 1 \text{ k}\Omega$ ,  $R_L = 2 \text{ k}\Omega$ ,  $R_1 = 1 \text{ k}\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 1 \text{ M}\Omega$ , and  $R_s = 10 \text{ k}\Omega$ .

**SOLUTION**

We observe that the feedback network consists of  $R_2$  and  $R_1$ . This network samples the output voltage  $V_o$  and provides a voltage signal (across  $R_1$ ) that is mixed in series with the input source  $V_s$ .

The  $A$  circuit can be easily obtained following the rules of Fig. 8.11, and is shown in Fig. 8.12(b). For this circuit we can write by inspection

$$A \equiv \frac{V_o'}{V_i'} = \mu \frac{[R_L/(R_1 + R_2)]}{[R_L/(R_1 + R_2)] + r_o/R_{id} + R_s + (R_1/R_2)}$$

For the values given, we find that  $A \approx 6000 \text{ V/V}$ .

The circuit for obtaining  $\beta$  is shown in Fig. 8.12(c), from which we obtain

$$\beta \equiv \frac{V_f'}{V_o'} = \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} \approx 10^{-3} \text{ V/V}$$

The voltage gain with feedback is now obtained as

$$A_f \equiv \frac{V_o}{V_s} = \frac{A}{1 + A\beta} = \frac{6000}{7} = 857 \text{ V/V}$$

The input resistance  $R_{if}$  determined by the feedback equations is the resistance seen by the external source (see Fig. 8.12a), and is given by

$$R_{if} = R_i(1 + A\beta)$$

where  $R_i$  is the input resistance of the  $A$  circuit in Fig. 8.12(b):

$$R_i = R_s + R_{id} + (R_1/R_2)$$

For the values given,  $R_i \approx 111 \text{ k}\Omega$ , resulting in

$$R_{if} = 111 \times 7 = 777 \text{ k}\Omega$$

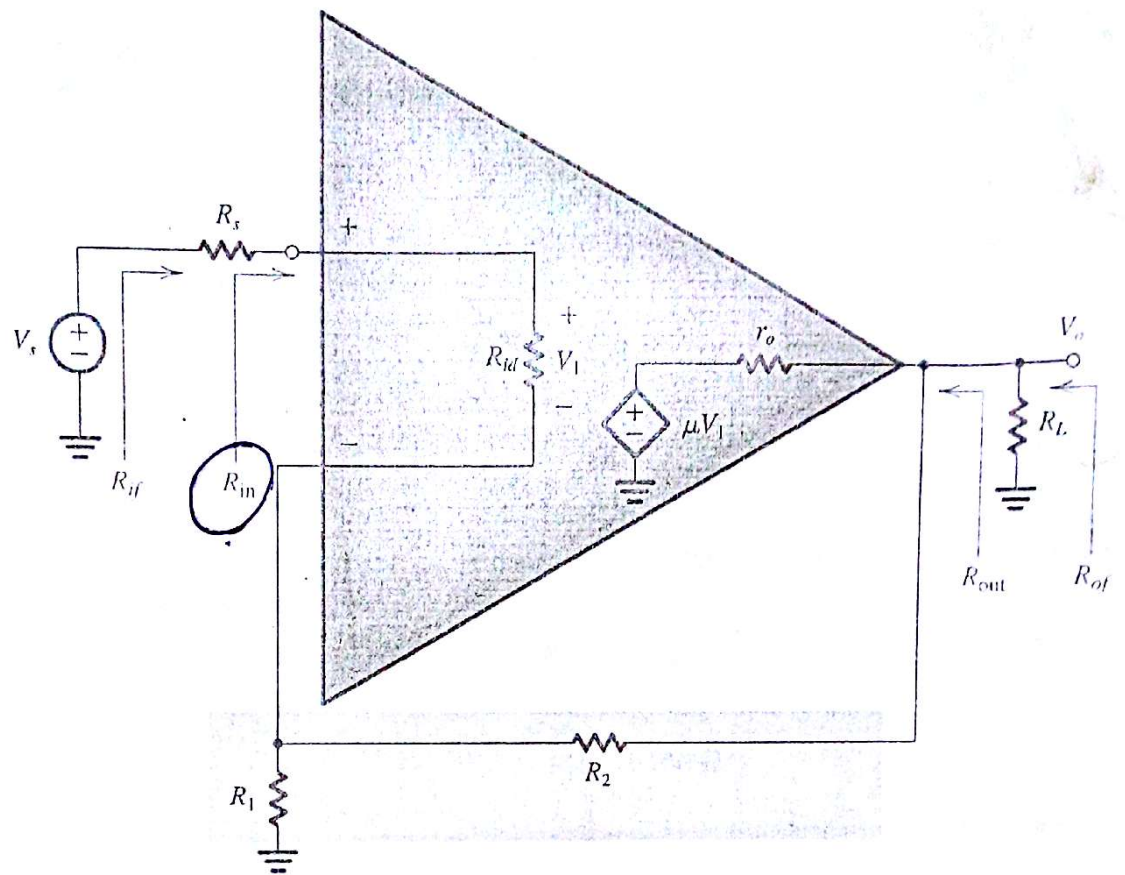
This, however, is not the resistance asked for. What is required is  $R_{in}$ , indicated in Fig. 8.12(a). To obtain  $R_{in}$  we subtract  $R_s$  from  $R_{if}$ :

$$R_{in} = R_{if} - R_s$$

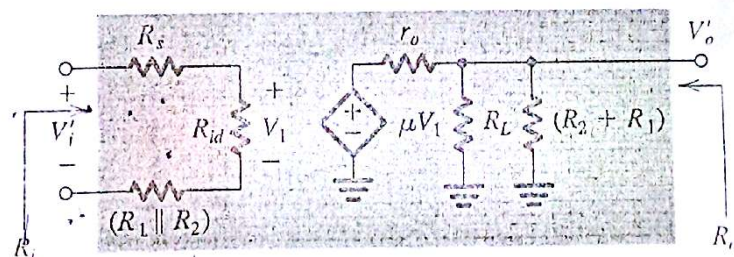
For the values given,  $R_{in} = 739 \text{ k}\Omega$ . The resistance  $R_{of}$  given by the feedback equations is



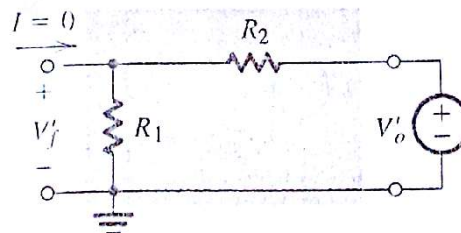
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Fig. 8.12 Circuits for Example 8.1.

the output resistance of the feedback amplifier, including the load resistance  $R_L$ , as indicated in Fig. 8.12(a).  $R_{of}$  is given by

$$R_{of} = \frac{R_o}{1 + A\beta}$$

where  $R_o$  is the output resistance of the  $A$  circuit.  $R_o$  can be obtained by inspection of Fig. 8.12(b) as

$$R_o = r_o // R_L // (R_2 + R_1)$$

For the values given,  $R_o \approx 667 \Omega$ , and

$$R_{of} = \frac{667}{7} = 95.3 \Omega$$

The resistance asked for,  $R_{out}$ , is the output resistance of the feedback amplifier excluding  $R_L$ . From Fig. 8.12(a) we see that

$$R_{of} = R_{out} // R_L$$

Thus

$$R_{out} \approx 100 \Omega$$

### Exercises

8.4 If the op amp of Example 8.1 has a uniform  $-6$ -dB/octave high-frequency rolloff with  $f_{3dB} = 1$  kHz, find the 3-dB frequency of the closed-loop gain  $V_o/V_s$ .

Ans. 7 kHz

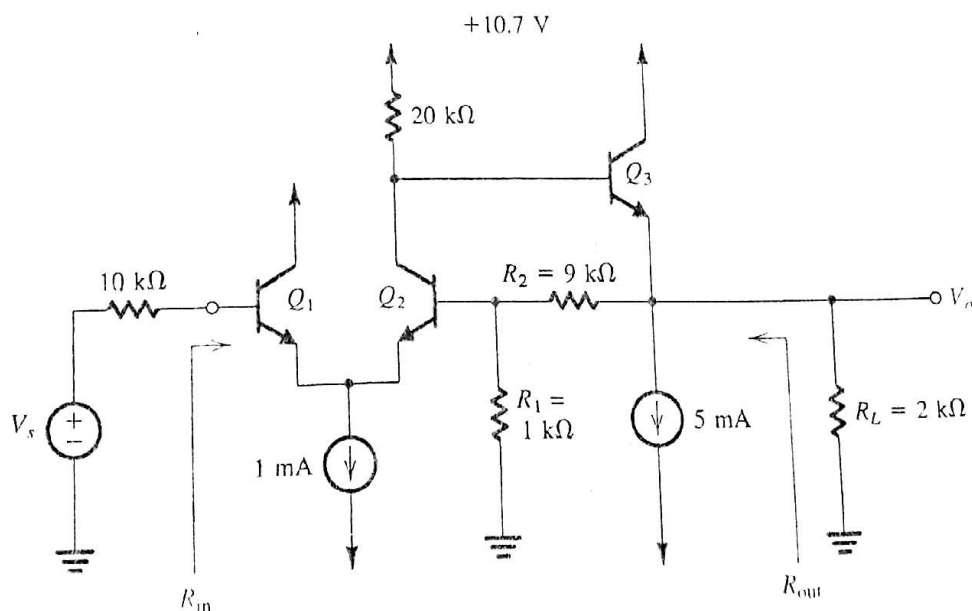


Fig. E8.5

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Transconductance Amplifier

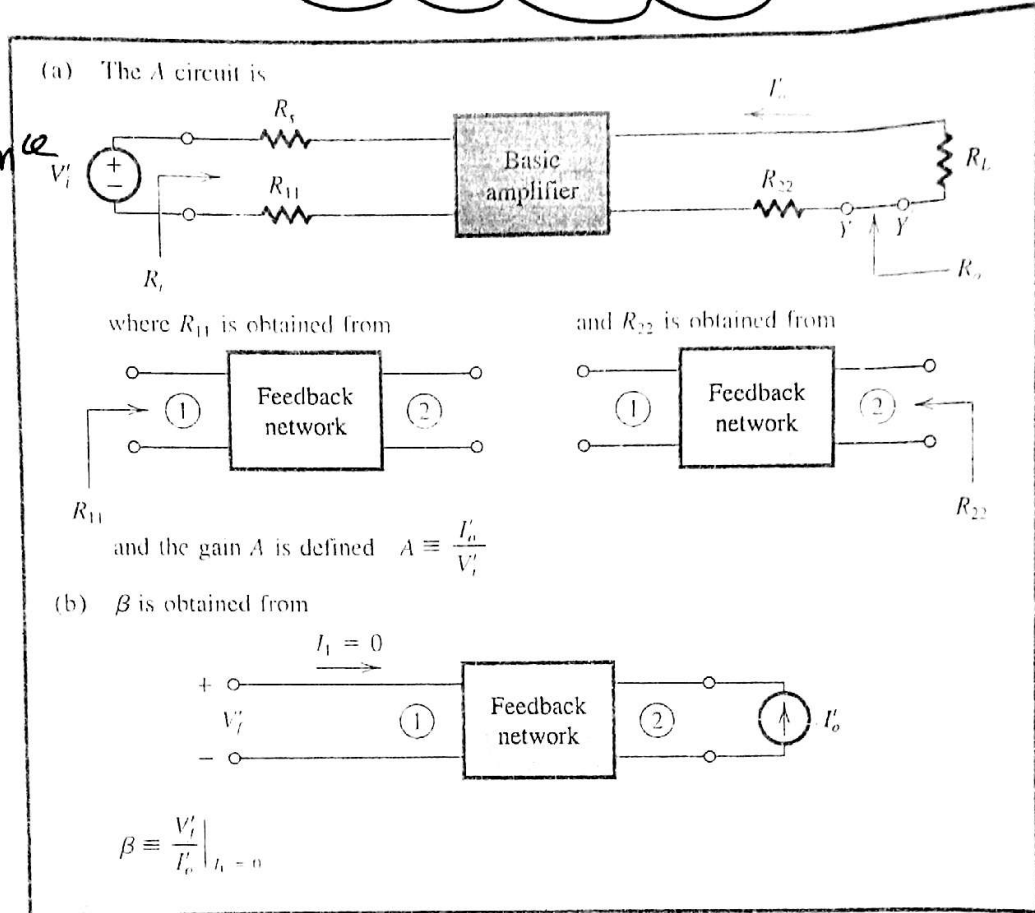


Fig. 8.16 Finding the A circuit and  $\beta$  for the current-sampling series-mixing (series-series) case.

## Summary

For future reference we present in Fig. 8.16 a summary of the rules for finding  $A$  and  $\beta$  for a given series-series feedback amplifier of the type shown in Fig. 8.15(a). Note that  $R_i$  is the input resistance of the A circuit, and its output resistance is  $R_o$ , which can be determined by breaking the output loop and looking between  $Y$  and  $Y'$ .  $R_i$  and  $R_o$  can be used in Eqs. (8.16) and (8.18) to determine  $R_{if}$  and  $R_{of}$  (see Fig. 8.15b). The input and output resistances of the feedback amplifier can then be found by subtracting  $R_s$  from  $R_{if}$  and  $R_L$  from  $R_{of}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} R_{in} &= R_{if} - R_s \\ R_{out} &= R_{of} - R_L \end{aligned}$$

## EXAMPLE 8.2

Because negative feedback extends the amplifier bandwidth, it is commonly used in the design of broadband amplifiers. One such amplifier is the MC1553. Part of the circuit of

the MC1553 is shown in Fig. 8.17(a). The circuit shown (called a *feedback triple*) is composed of three gain stages with series-series feedback provided by the network composed of  $R_{E1}$ ,  $R_F$ , and  $R_{E2}$ . Assume that the bias circuit, which is not shown, causes  $I_{C1} = 0.6$  mA,  $I_{C2} = 1$  mA, and  $I_{C3} = 4$  mA. Using these values and assuming  $h_{fe} = 100$  and  $r_o = \infty$ , find the open-loop gain  $A$ , the feedback factor  $\beta$ , the closed loop gain  $A_f \equiv I_o/V_s$ , the voltage gain  $V_o/V_s$ , the input resistance  $R_{in} = R_{if}$ , and the output resistance  $R_{of}$  (between nodes  $Y$  and  $Y'$ , as indicated). Now, if  $r_o$  of  $Q_3$  is 25 k $\Omega$ , estimate an approximate value of the output resistance  $R_{out}$ .

### SOLUTION

Employing the loading rules given in Fig. 8.16, we obtain the A circuit shown in Fig. 8.17(b). To find  $A \equiv I_o/V_i$  we first determine the gain of the first stage. This can be written by inspection as

$$\frac{V_{c1}}{V_i} = \frac{-\alpha_1(R_{C1} // r_{\pi 2})}{r_{e1} + [R_{E1} // (R_F + R_{E2})]}$$

Since  $Q_1$  is biased at 0.6 mA,  $r_{e1} = 41.7 \Omega$ . Transistor  $Q_2$  is biased as 1 mA; thus  $r_{\pi 2} = h_{fe}/g_{m2} = 100/40 = 2.5$  k $\Omega$ . Substituting these values together with  $\alpha_1 = 0.99$ ,  $R_{C1} = 9$  k $\Omega$ ,  $R_{E1} = 100 \Omega$ ,  $R_F = 640 \Omega$ , and  $R_{E2} = 100 \Omega$  results in

$$\frac{V_{c1}}{V_i} = -14.92 \text{ V/V}$$

Next, we determine the gain of the second stage, which can be written by inspection as (note that  $V_{b2} = V_{c1}$ )

$$\frac{V_{c2}}{V_{c1}} = -g_{m2}[R_{C2} // (h_{fe} + 1)[r_{e3} + (R_{E2} // (R_F + R_{E1}))]]$$

Substituting  $g_{m2} = 40$  mA/V,  $R_{C2} = 5$  k $\Omega$ ,  $h_{fe} = 100$ ,  $r_{e3} = 25/4 = 6.25 \Omega$ ,  $R_{E2} = 100 \Omega$ ,  $R_F = 640 \Omega$ , and  $R_{E1} = 100 \Omega$ , results in

$$\frac{V_{c2}}{V_{c1}} = -131.2 \text{ V/V}$$

Finally, for the third stage we can write by inspection

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{I_o}{V_{c2}} &= \frac{I_{e3}}{V_{b3}} = \frac{1}{r_{e3} + (R_{E2} // (R_F + R_{E1}))} \\ &= \frac{1}{6.25 + (100 // 740)} = 10.6 \text{ mA/V} \end{aligned}$$

Combining the gains of the three stages results in

$$\begin{aligned} A \equiv \frac{I_o}{V_i} &= -14.92 \times -131.2 \times 10.6 \times 10^{-3} \\ &= 20.7 \text{ A/V} \end{aligned}$$

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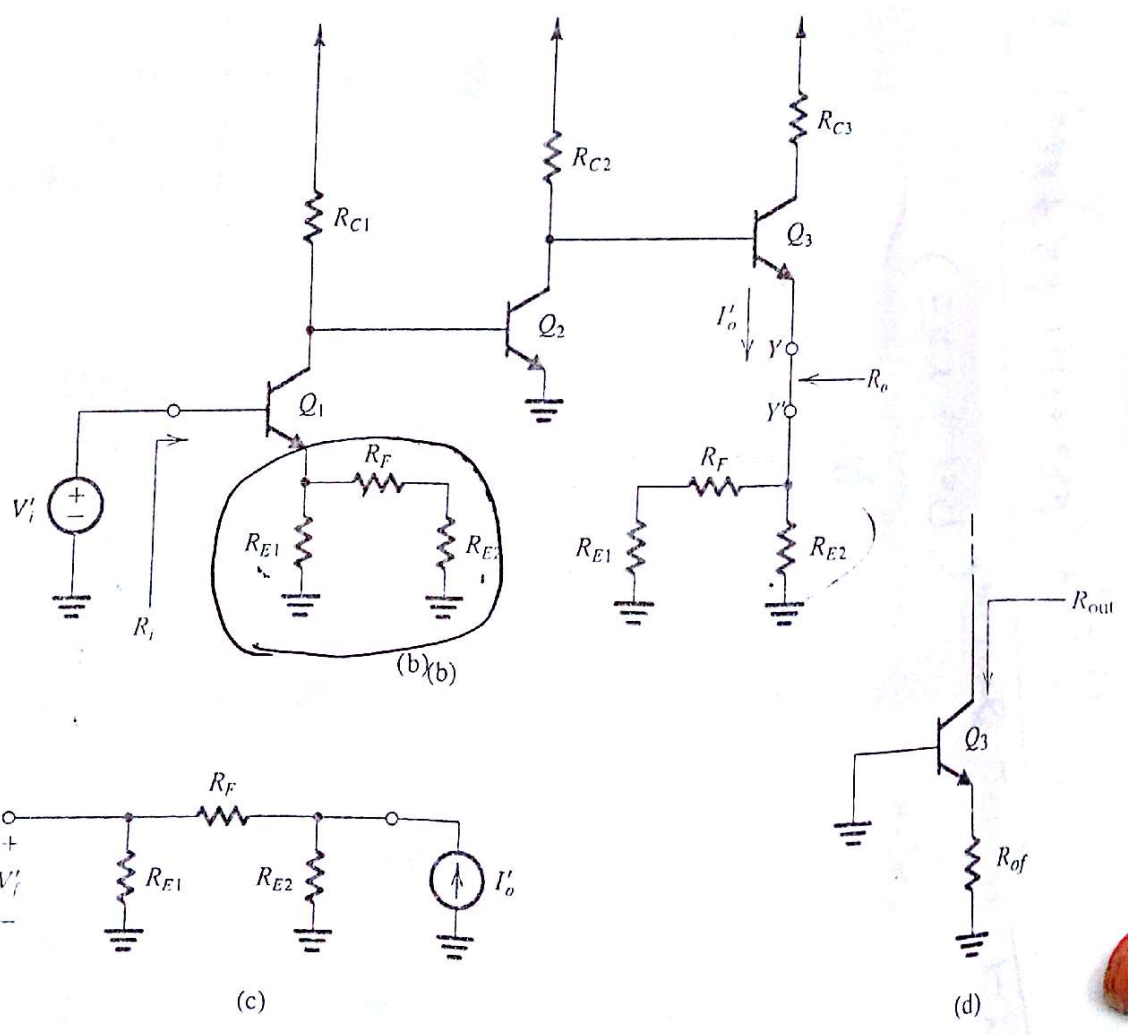
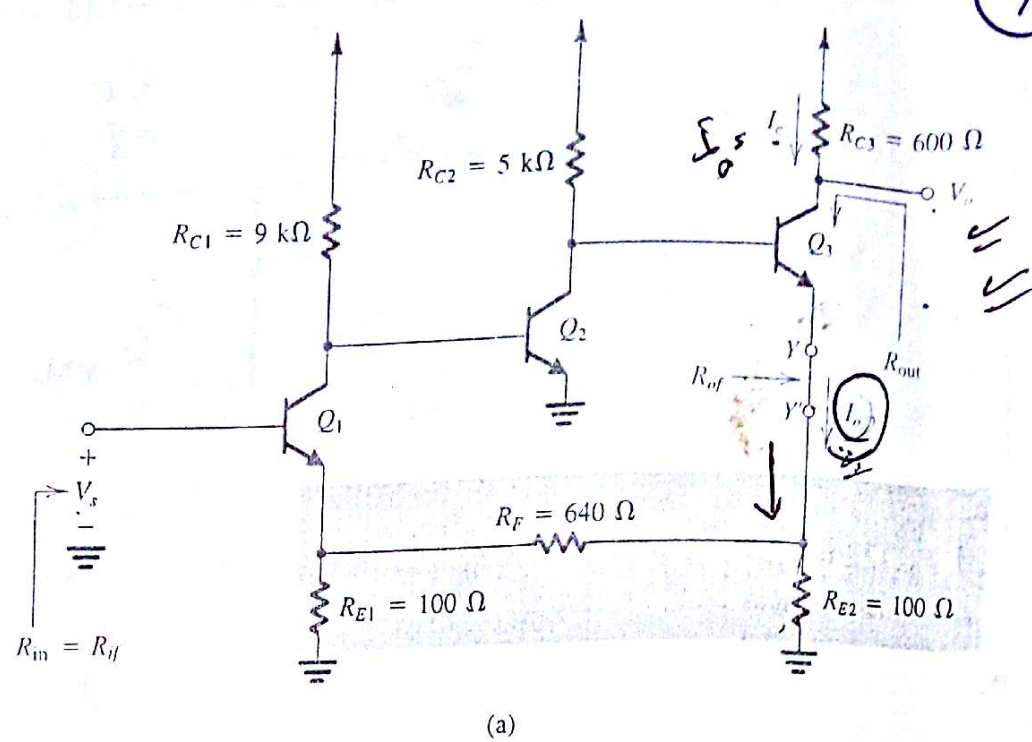


Fig. 8.17 Circuits for Example 8.2.







$$\therefore \frac{V_{C1}}{V_i} = \frac{-g_{m1} r_{\pi 1} (R_{C1} \parallel r_{\pi 2})}{(h_{fe}+1) \left[ \frac{r_{\pi 1}}{h_{fe}+1} + R_{E1} \parallel (R_F + R_{E2}) \right]} \quad (9)$$

$$= \frac{-\beta R_{C1} \parallel r_{\pi 2}}{(h_{fe}+1) [r_{e1} + R_{E1} \parallel (R_F + R_{E2})]}$$

$$= -\frac{h_{fe}}{h_{fe}+1} \frac{R_{C1} \parallel r_{\pi 2}}{r_{e1} + R_{E1} \parallel (R_F + R_{E2})}$$

$$\frac{V_{C1}}{V_i} = -\alpha \frac{(R_{C1} \parallel r_{\pi 2})}{r_{e1} + [R_{E1} \parallel (R_F + R_{E2})]}$$

and To find  $\frac{V_{C2}}{V_{C1}}$

$$V_{C2} = -g_{m2} V_{\pi 2} \left[ R_{C2} \parallel [r_{\pi 3} + (h_{fe}+1)(R_{E2} \parallel (R_F + R_{E1}))] \right]$$

and  $V_{C1} = V_{\pi 2}$

$$\therefore \frac{V_{C2}}{V_{C1}} = -g_{m2} \left[ R_{C2} \parallel [r_{\pi 3} + (h_{fe}+1)(R_F + R_{E1} \parallel R_{E2})] \right]$$

$$\frac{V_{c2}}{V_{c1}} = -g_{m2} \left[ R_{c2} // \left[ (h_{fe} + 1) \left[ \frac{V_{\pi 3}}{h_{fe} + 1} + R_{E2} // (R_f + R_{E1}) \right] \right] \right]$$

$$= -g_{m2} \left[ R_{c2} // (h_{fe} + 1) \left[ r_{e3} + R_{E2} // (R_f + R_{E1}) \right] \right]$$

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and  $\frac{I_o}{V_{c2}} = \frac{I_{e3}}{V_{b3}} = \frac{g_{m3} V_{\pi 3} + V_{\pi 3}}{\cancel{\phantom{V_{\pi 3}}}}$

$$I_{e3} = g_{m3} V_{\pi 3} + I_{b3}$$

$$= g_{m3} V_{\pi 3} + I_{b3}$$

$$\therefore \frac{I_o'}{V_{c2}} = \frac{1}{r_{e3} + (R_{E2} // (R_f + R_{E1}))}$$

and  $A = \frac{I_o'}{V_i} = \frac{V_{c1}}{V_i'} * \frac{V_{c2}}{V_{c1}} * \frac{I_o'}{V_{c2}}$

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The circuit for determining the feedback factor  $\beta$  is shown in Fig. 8.17(c), from which we find

$$\begin{aligned}\beta &\equiv \frac{V_f'}{I_o'} = \frac{R_{E2}}{R_{E2} + R_F + R_{E1}} \times R_{E1} \\ &= \frac{100}{100 + 640 + 100} \times 100 = 11.9 \Omega\end{aligned}$$

The closed-loop gain  $A_f$  can now be found from

$$\begin{aligned}A_f &\equiv \frac{I_o}{V_s} = \frac{A}{1 + A\beta} \\ &= \frac{20.7}{1 + 20.7 \times 11.9} = 83.7 \text{ mA/V}\end{aligned}$$

The voltage gain is found from

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{V_o}{V_s} &= \frac{-I_o R_{C3}}{V_s} \approx -A_f R_{C3} \\ &= -83.7 \times 10^{-3} \times 600 = -50.2 \text{ V/V}\end{aligned}$$

The input resistance of the feedback amplifier is given by

$$R_{if} = R_i(1 + A\beta)$$

where  $R_i$  is the input resistance of the  $A$  circuit. The value of  $R_i$  can be found from the circuit in Fig. 8.17(b) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}R_i &= (h_{fe} + 1)[r_{e1} + (R_{E1} \parallel (R_F + R_{E2}))] \\ &= 13.65 \text{ k}\Omega\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$R_{if} = 13.65(1 + 20.5 \times 11.9) = 3.34 \text{ M}\Omega$$

To find the output resistance  $R_o$  of the  $A$  circuit in Fig. 8.17(b), we break the circuit between  $Y$  and  $Y'$ . The resistance looking between these two nodes can be found to be

$$R_o = [R_{E2} \parallel (R_F + R_{E1})] + r_{e3} + \frac{R_{C2}}{h_{fe} + 1}$$

which, for the values given, yields  $R_o = 143.9 \Omega$ . The output resistance  $R_{of}$  of the feedback amplifier can now be found as

$$R_{of} = R_o(1 + A\beta) = 143.9(1 + 20.7 \times 11.9) = 35.6 \text{ k}\Omega$$

Note that the feedback stabilizes the emitter current of  $Q_3$ , and thus the output resistance that is determined by the feedback formula is the resistance of the emitter loop (i.e., between  $Y$  and  $Y'$ ), which we have just found, and not the resistance looking into the collector<sup>2</sup> of  $Q_3$ . This is because the output resistance  $r_o$  of  $Q_3$  is in effect outside the feedback loop. We

<sup>2</sup> This important point was first brought to the authors' attention by Gordon Roberts (see Roberts and Sedra, 1992).



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Resistance  
Amplifier

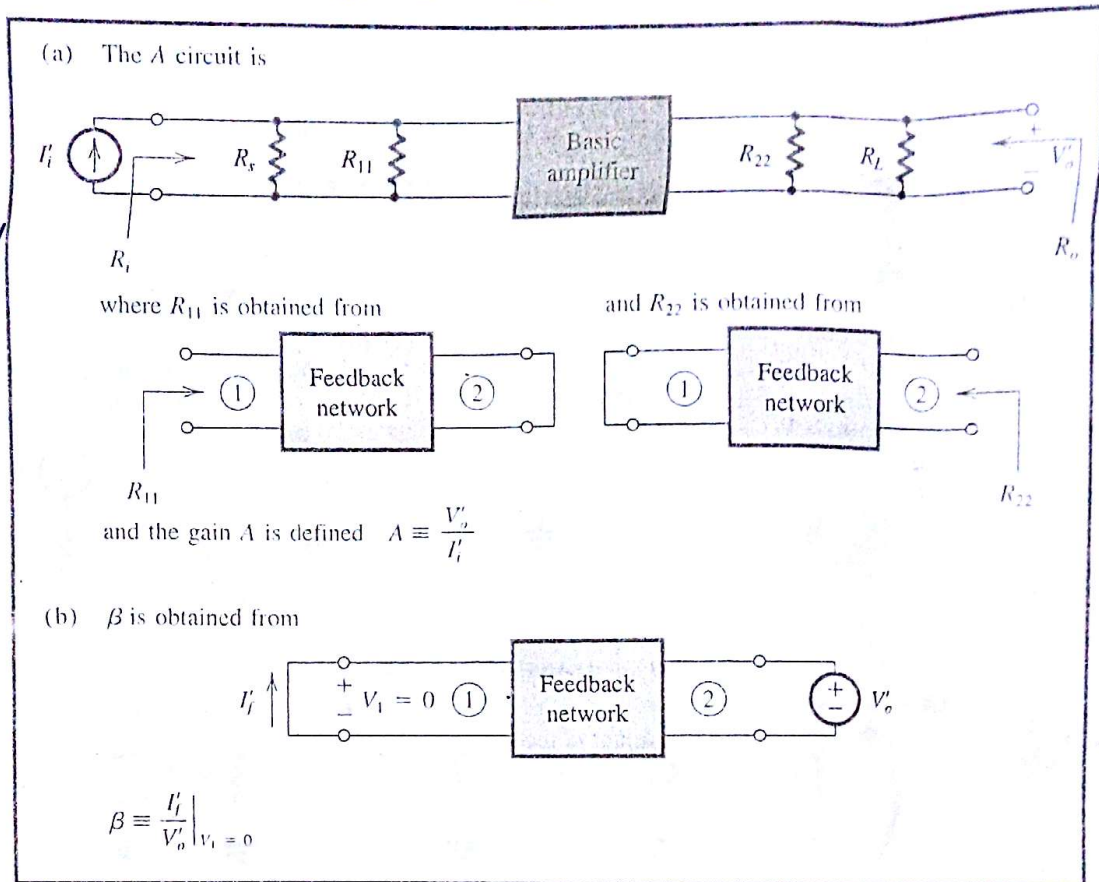


Fig. 8.20 Finding the  $A$  circuit and  $\beta$  for the voltage-sampling shunt-mixing (shunt-shunt) case.

(For the definition of the  $y$  parameters, refer to Appendix B.) Finally, we note that once  $R_{if}$  and  $R_{of}$  are determined using the feedback formulas (Eqs. 8.21 and 8.22), the input and output resistances of the amplifier proper (see definitions in Fig. 8.19) can be obtained as,

$$R_{in} = 1 / \left( \frac{1}{R_{if}} - \frac{1}{R_s} \right)$$

$$R_{out} = 1 / \left( \frac{1}{R_{of}} - \frac{1}{R_L} \right)$$

### EXAMPLE 8.3

We want to analyze the circuit of Fig. 8.21(a) to determine the small-signal voltage gain  $V_o/V_s$ , the input resistance  $R_{in}$ , and the output resistance  $R_{out} = R_{of}$ . The transistor has  $\beta = 100$ .



# 8.6 THE SHUNT-SHUNT AND THE SHUNT-SERIES FEEDBACK AMPLIFIERS

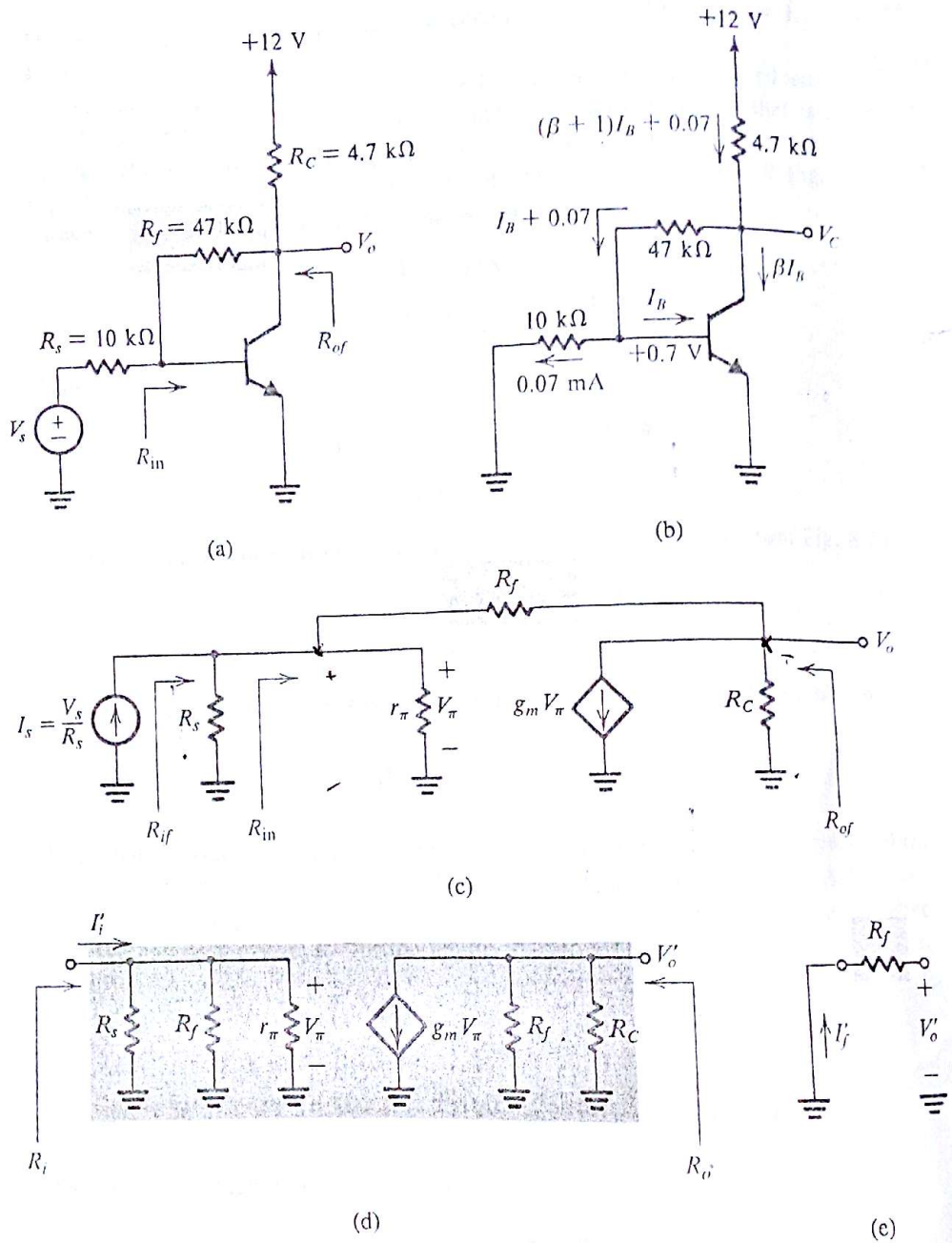


Fig. 8.21 Circuits for Example 8.3.

## SOLUTION

First we determine the transistor dc operating point. The dc analysis is illustrated in Fig. 8.21(b), from which we can write

$$V_C = 0.7 + (I_B + 0.07)47 = 3.99 + 47I_B \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{12 - V_C}{4.7} = (\beta + 1)I_B + 0.07$$

These two equations can be solved to obtain  $I_B \approx 0.015 \text{ mA}$ ,  $I_C \approx 1.5 \text{ mA}$ , and  $V_C = 4.7 \text{ V}$ .

To carry out small-signal analysis we first recognize that the feedback is provided by  $R_f$ , which samples the output voltage  $V_o$  and feeds back a current that is mixed with the source current. Thus it is convenient to use the Norton source representation, as shown in Fig. 8.21(c). The  $A$  circuit can be easily obtained using the rules of Fig. 8.20, and it is shown in Fig. 8.21(d). For the  $A$  circuit we can write by inspection

$$V_\pi = I_i'(R_s // R_f // r_\pi)$$

$$V_o' = -g_m V_\pi (R_f // R_C)$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} A = \frac{V_o'}{I_i'} &= -g_m (R_f // R_C) (R_s // R_f // r_\pi) \\ &= -358.7 \text{ k}\Omega \end{aligned}$$

The input and output resistances of the  $A$  circuit can be obtained from Fig. 8.21(d) as

$$R_i = R_s // R_f // r_\pi = 1.4 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$R_o = R_C // R_f = 4.27 \text{ k}\Omega$$

The circuit for determining  $\beta$  is shown in Fig. 8.21(e), from which we obtain

$$\beta \equiv \frac{I_f'}{V_o'} = -\frac{1}{R_f} = -\frac{1}{47 \text{ k}\Omega}$$

Note that as usual the reference direction for  $I_f$  has been selected so that  $I_f$  subtracts from  $I_s$ . The resulting negative sign of  $\beta$  should cause no concern, since  $A$  is also negative, keeping the loop gain  $A\beta$  positive, as it should be for the feedback to be negative.

We can now obtain  $A_f$  (for the circuit in Fig. 8.21c) as

$$A_f \equiv \frac{V_o}{I_s} = \frac{A}{1 + A\beta}$$

$$\frac{V_o}{I_s} = \frac{-358.7}{1 + 358.7/47} = \frac{-358.7}{8.63} = -41.6 \text{ k}\Omega$$

To find the voltage gain  $V_o/V_s$  we note that

$$V_s = I_s R_s$$

Thus

$$\frac{V_o}{V_s} = \frac{V_o}{I_s R_s} = \frac{-41.6}{10} = -4.16 \text{ V/V}$$

The input resistance with feedback (see Fig. 8.21c) is given by

$$R_{if} = \frac{R_i}{1 + A\beta}$$

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Thus

$$R_{if} = \frac{1.4}{8.63} = 162.2 \Omega$$

This is the resistance seen by the current source  $I_s$  in Fig. 8.21(c). To obtain the input resistance of the feedback amplifier excluding  $R_s$  (that is, the required resistance  $R_{in}$ ) we subtract  $1/R_s$  from  $1/R_{if}$  and invert the result; thus  $R_{in} = 165 \Omega$ . Finally, the amplifier output resistance  $R_{of}$  is evaluated using

$$R_{of} = \frac{R_o}{1 + A\beta} = \frac{4.27}{8.63} = 495 \Omega$$

### An Important Note

The method we have been employing for the analysis of feedback amplifiers is predicated on two premises: Most of the forward transmission occurs in the basic amplifier, and most of the reverse transmission (feedback) occurs in the feedback network. For each of the three topologies considered thus far, these two assumptions were mathematically expressed as conditions on the relative magnitudes of the forward and reverse two-port parameters of the basic amplifier and the feedback network. Since the circuit considered in Example 8.3 is simple, we have a good opportunity to check the validity of these assumptions.

Reference to Fig. 8.21(d) indicates clearly that the basic amplifier is unilateral; thus *all* of the reverse transmission takes place in the feedback network. The case with forward transmission, however, is not so clear, and we must evaluate the forward  $y$  parameters. For the  $A$  circuit in Fig. 8.21(d),  $y_{21} = g_m$ . For the feedback network it can be easily shown that  $y_{21} = -1/R_f$ . Thus for our analysis method to be valid we must have  $g_m \gg 1/R_f$ . For the numerical values in Example 8.3,  $g_m = 60 \text{ mA/V}$  and  $1/R_f = 0.02 \text{ mA/V}$ , indicating that this assumption is more than justified. Nevertheless, in designing feedback amplifiers, care should be taken in choosing component values to ensure that the two basic assumptions are valid.

### The Shunt-Series Configuration

Figure 8.22 shows the ideal structure of the shunt-series feedback amplifier. It is a current amplifier whose gain with feedback is defined as

$$A_f \equiv \frac{I_o}{I_s} = \frac{A}{1 + A\beta} \quad (8.23)$$

The input resistance with feedback is the resistance seen by the current source  $I_s$  and is given by

$$R_{if} = \frac{R_i}{1 + A\beta} \quad (8.24)$$

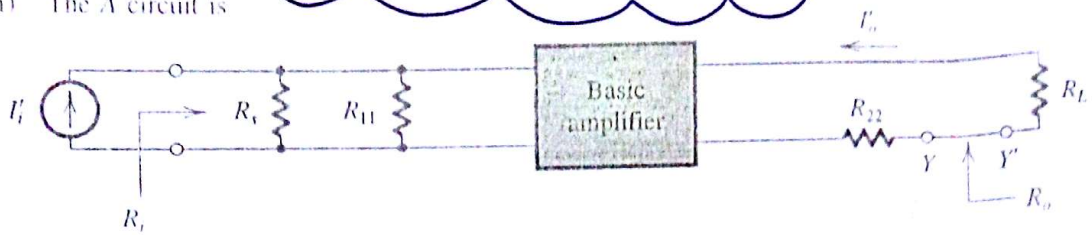
Again we note that the shunt connection at the input reduces the input resistance. The output resistance with feedback is the resistance seen by breaking the output circuit, such as between  $O$  and  $O'$ , and looking between the two terminals thus generated (that is, between  $O$



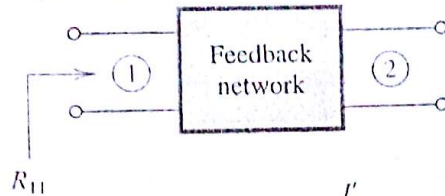
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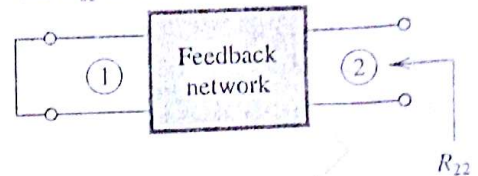
(a) The A circuit is



where  $R_{11}$  is obtained from

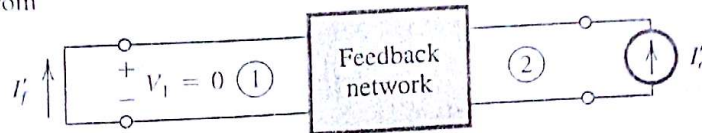


and  $R_{22}$  is obtained from



and the gain  $A$  is defined as  $A \equiv \frac{I_o'}{I_i}$

(b)  $\beta$  is obtained from



$$\beta \equiv \left. \frac{I_i'}{I_o'} \right|_{V_1 = 0}$$

Fig. 8.24 Finding the A circuit and  $\beta$  for the current-sampling shunt-mixing (shunt-series) case.

(For the definition of the  $g$  parameters refer to Appendix B.) Finally, we note that once  $R_{if}$  and  $R_{of}$  have been determined using the feedback equations (Eqs. 8.24 and 8.25), the input and output resistances of the amplifier proper,  $R_{in}$  and  $R_{out}$  (Fig. 8.23), can be found as

$$R_{in} = 1 / \left( \frac{1}{R_{if}} - \frac{1}{R_s} \right)$$

$$R_{out} = R_{of} - R_L$$

## EXAMPLE 8.4

Figure 8.25 shows a feedback circuit of the shunt-series type. Find  $I_{out}/I_{in}$ ,  $R_{in}$ , and  $R_{out}$ . Assume the transistors to have  $\beta = 100$  and  $V_A = 75$  V.

## SOLUTION

We begin by determining the dc operating points. In this regard we note that the feedback signal is capacitively coupled; thus the feedback has no effect on dc bias. Neglecting the



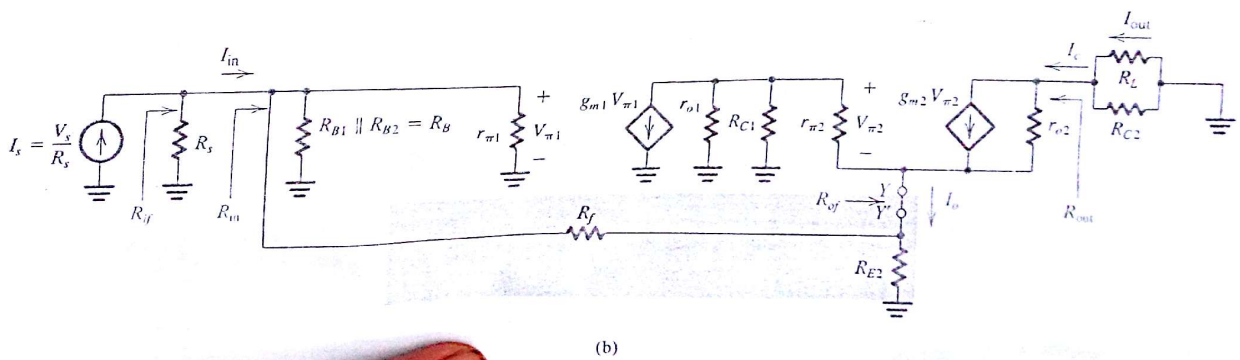
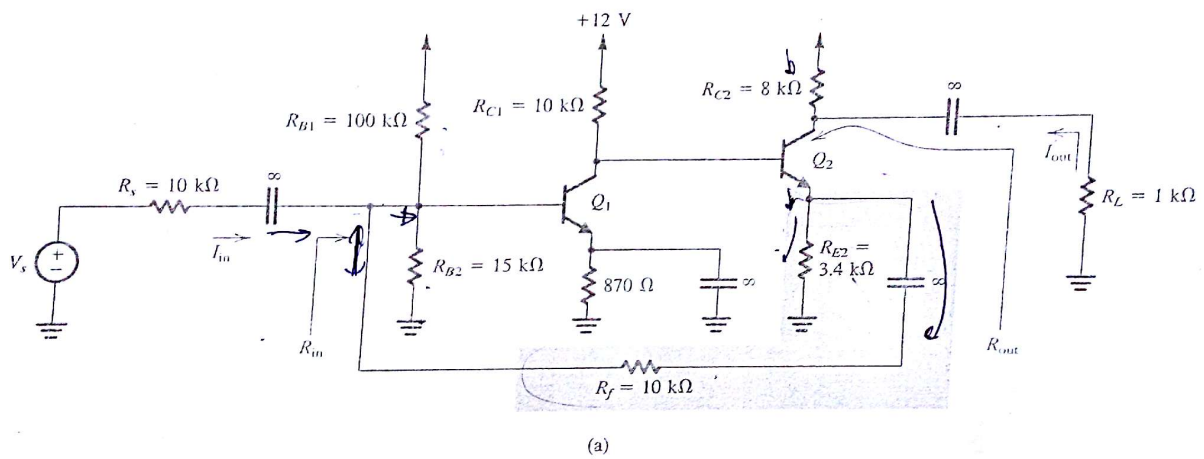


Fig. 8.25 Circuits for Example 8.4.

effect of finite transistor  $\beta$  and  $V_A$ , the dc analysis proceeds as follows:

$$V_{B1} \approx 12 \frac{15}{100 + 15} = 1.57 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{E1} \approx 1.57 - 0.7 = 0.87 \text{ V}$$

$$I_{E1} = 0.87/0.87 = 1 \text{ mA}$$

$$V_{C1} \approx 12 - 10 \times 1 = 2 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{E2} \approx 2 - 0.7 = 1.3 \text{ V}$$

$$I_{E2} \approx 1.3/3.4 \approx 0.4 \text{ mA}$$

$$V_{C2} \approx 12 - 0.4 \times 8 = 8.8 \text{ V}$$

The amplifier equivalent circuit is shown in Fig. 8.25(b), from which we note that the feedback network is composed of  $R_{E2}$  and  $R_f$ . The feedback network samples the emitter current of  $Q_2$ ,  $I_o$ , which is approximately equal to the collector current  $I_c$ . Also note that the required current gain,  $I_{out}/I_{in}$ , will be slightly different than the closed-loop current gain  $A_f \equiv I_o/I_s$ .

The A circuit is shown in Fig. 8.25(c), where we have obtained the loading effects of the feedback network using the rules of Fig. 8.24. For the A circuit we can write

$$V_{\pi 1} = I'_i [R_s // (R_{E2} + R_f) // R_B // r_{\pi 1}]$$

$$V_{b2} = -g_{m1} V_{\pi 1} \{r_{o1} // R_{C1} // [r_{\pi 2} + (\beta + 1)(R_{E2} // R_f)]\}$$

$$I'_o \approx \frac{V_{b2}}{r_{e2} + (R_{E2} // R_f)}$$

where we have neglected the effect of  $r_{o2}$ . These equations can be combined to obtain the open-loop current gain A,

$$A \equiv \frac{I'_o}{I'_i} \approx -201.45 \text{ A/A}$$

The input resistance  $R_i$  is given by

$$R_i = R_s // (R_{E2} + R_f) // R_B // r_{\pi 1} = 1.535 \text{ k}\Omega$$

The output resistance  $R_o$  is that found by looking into the output loop of the A circuit between nodes Y and Y' (see Fig. 8.25c) with the input excitation  $I'_i$  set to zero. Neglecting the small effect of  $r_{o2}$  it can be shown that

$$\begin{aligned} R_o &= (R_{E2} // R_f) + r_{e2} + \frac{R_{C1} // r_{o1}}{\beta + 1} \\ &= 2.69 \text{ k}\Omega \end{aligned}$$

The circuit for determining  $\beta$  is shown in Fig. 8.25(d), from which we find

$$\beta \equiv \frac{I'_f}{I'_o} = -\frac{R_{E2}}{R_{E2} + R_f} = -\frac{3.4}{13.4} = -0.254$$